

New Decade - New Year - New Summer Season!

Welcome Back Weekend!

April 30th to May 2nd, 2010



Welcome back to Pokagon State Park!

Join us for a wonderful weekend as we bring in the spring and bring back the new season of sun, fun, and outdoor adventures!

Friday, April 30

8:00pm Sunset Stroll. Once you have registered at your campsite, or checked in to the Inn, join the park interpreter at the Campground Office Bulletin Board for a walk down to the main beach and along Trail 5. Hopefully the evening will be clear for a “sun-sational” view of the setting sun over Lake James. A flashlight is recommended if it’s a late-night walk back to the campsite.

Saturday, May 1

9:00am Trail Nine and Hawk Hollow Trek. This is a great hike for those who enjoy Pokagon history and would like to get some good exercise! The hike will begin at the Potawatomi Inn, at the main entrance lobby. It will be last call for bathrooms as we head out over Trail 3 to get to Trail 9 where we will traverse Pokagon’s most hilly terrain on our toughest trail, into Hawk Hollow. We call the trail moderately rugged on scale of trail types. The route will visit the charming Lake Lonidaw, then continue on Trail 3, across the entrance road and out to Trail 9. We’ll do the big circle loop and return. Trail 9 goes out to the old “Pokagon Motel” site and winds back past some interesting CCC-built erosion control dams. You will also traverse boardwalks over some of the park’s interesting wetland habitats. See natural and cultural features, get some good exercise, and get a great start on the summer season for 2010!

2:00pm Garlic Mustard Pulling Party! Meet at the Nature Center Program Area for a quick overview of this invasive plant. We will then venture behind the building where we have been pulling this plant for years to see the impact of its removal on native plants; and will then continue our removal of this species. There will be a refreshment break and then a possible move to a new area for more fun pulling!



Sunday, May 2



8:00am. The Early-May Migration. It’s our traditional Sunday morning hike leaving from the Inn Sun Deck. It’s the peak of the bird migration! We’ll check out the big lake, make our way along the wooded edges and down through the County Road Marsh. Bring binoculars or borrow a pair of ours, and join us for this 1 ½ hour bird search! Some feathered friends are just arriving for the summer season as you are!